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Applicant(s): GANAPATHY et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
Serial No.: 10/718,359 ) Examiner: Michael D. Pak  
Confirmation No.: 3660 )  
Filed: November 20, 2003 )  
For: NaCT AS A TARGET FOR LIFESPAN EXPANSION AND WEIGHT REDUCTION

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."